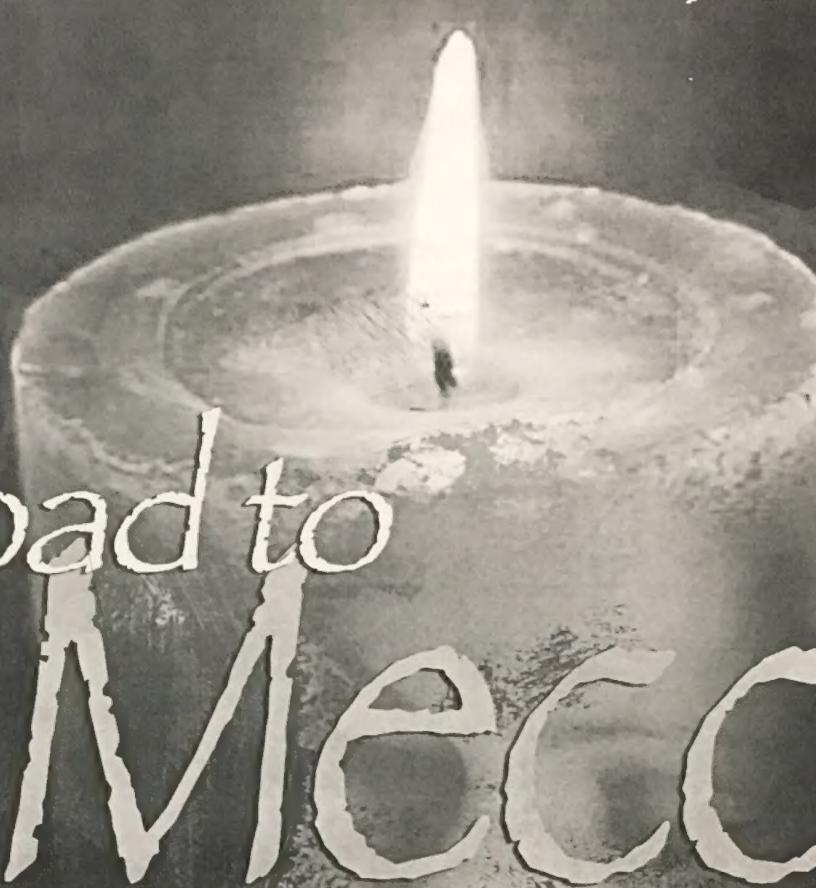


Sumter Little Theatre *presents*



The Road to Mecca

by Athol Fugard

Directed by Eric Bultman

*The soul selects her own society-
Then shuts the door-
On her divine majority-
Present no more.*

-Emily Dickinson

February 12-15 and 18-21, 2004

THE SUMTER LITTLE THEATRE

presents

ATHOL FUGARD'S

The Road To Mecca

A Drama in Two Acts

Directed by: Eric Bultman

Suggested by the life and work of Helen Martins of New Bethesda

A Drama in Two Acts

Originally Produced by Yale repertory Theatre

Lloyd Richards, Artistic Director

Produced through a special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

The Cast

<i>Miss Helen</i>	Diane Renko
<i>Elsa Barlow</i>	Carmela Bryan
<i>Marius Blyevelde</i>	Eric Bultman

Time:

Autumn 1974

Place:

The home of Miss Helen in a small village in the Great Karoo, a semi-desert region in the center of South Africa.

The Production Staff

Technical Director	Patrick Paulds
Stage Manager	Shannon Newborn
Set Dressers	Sylvia Pickell and Marge Cowles
Costumer	Marge Cowles
Properties	Sylvia Pickell
Scenic Artist	Leanne Lovie
Set Painting	Kim Harrelson, Ann Beaty
Lighting Technician	Ann Beaty
Poster/Playbill Design	Wren Bunch
Ushers	SLT Theatre School Students
Box Office	Junior Welfare League and Volunteers

THERE WILL BE A 15 MINUTE INTERMISSION

Please, no food or drinks in the theatre. Photography is not permitted.

Please turn off all beepers and cellular phones.

Cast Notes

Diane (Dee) Renko (*Miss Helen*) Dee first appeared on the SLT stage in the role of M'Lyn in the 1990 production of "Steel Magnolias." Since that time she has become a familiar figure to Sumter theatre-goers. Among her notable portrayals are the title role in "Driving Miss Daisy," Charlotte in "Moon Over Buffalo," and Ethel in "On Golden Pond." Of all community theaters she's been associated with, Dee feels that SLT is the most professionally run with the highest standards of production. She is a big proponent of the theatre school as her daughter Kelly has been enrolled now for nine years. Dee is married to Greg Renko, and her son Matthew is a high school sophomore majoring in ballet at North Carolina School of the Arts.

Carmela Bryan (*Elsa Barlow*) Carmela was born and raised in Naples, Italy, and has lived in Sumter for 16 years. She has been on stage in the SLT productions of "What I Did Last Summer," "Moon Over Buffalo," and most recently "Wait Until Dark." She loves backstage work as much as being on stage and has had a great time backstage during many productions. In real life she is the Clinical Director for the Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse here in Sumter, but mostly she is the mom of two great children, Frederick and Rosaria.

Eric Bultman (*Marius Blyevelde*) Eric appeared in this season's "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)." He is the SLT Managing Artistic Director.

*Miss Helen's mosaics created by Heidi Adler and students in her
Sumter High School art classes:*

Crystal Avins, Eric Burress, Racheal Morrison, Erin Murphy, Robbie Walker, Katie Bell, Steven Butler, Valencia Johnson, Richard Liberatore, Andrew Park, Candis Wilson, Shana Dessiman, and Sarah Jones.

Next at SLT:

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day

Book and Lyrics by Judith Viorst

Music by Shelly Markham

March 11-14 and 18-21, 2004

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